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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed on March 22, 2005. Applicant requests this Amendment be entered in the above-identified application and reconsideration of the application in view of the Amendments and Remarks that follow.

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RESTRICTION ELECTION

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 15, 2005, Applicant hereby affirms the provisionally election of Group I, claims 1-9, drawn to a control device, classified in Class 173, subclass 169, that Applicant made telephonically on March 15. This election is made with traverse, and Applicant hereby reserves the right to file a divisional application in connection with uncanceled claims 10-20, drawn to a pneumatic tool.

With regard to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants respectfully submit that the subject matter of all claims 1-12 is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one group of claims would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the search and the examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP § 803, in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits." Applicants respectfully submit that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.